

REMARKS

Claim 8 has been amended to make it depend solely from claim 7. Claims 19-35 have been canceled. Claims 1-18 remain in the application.

The drawing change corrects sheet seven of the drawings, containing Fig. 8, to conform more closely with the description in the specification. Sheet seven filed with the application included Figs. 8a and 8b, but the specification refers to Figs. 8a, 8b and 8c. *See* page 13, para. 0033. The enclosed replacement sheet rennumbers the figures to include all of the drawing numbers referred to in the specification. A marked-up copy of the original drawing sheet, showing the changes, is also enclosed.

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant elects, without traverse, Group I claims 1-25, 34, and 35. In response to the election of species requirement, the applicant elects, with partial traverse, the species shown in Figs. 1-3. The applicant traverses the election requirement insofar as it contends that the species in Figs. 4-7 require a substantially different search than the elected species in Figs. 1-3. Even a cursory glance at Figs. 4-7 reveals that they relate to variations on the basic embodiment shown in Figs. 1-3. In fact, the applicant submits that treating these species as different for search purposes will actually result in repeatedly searching many of the same classes and subclasses for the different species.

Be that as it may, claims 1-5, 7, 9-11, 14 and 15 are specifically directed to the elected species shown in Figs. 1-3. At least claim 14 is generic to the embodiments depicted in Figs. 1-7.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, he/she is requested to telephone the applicant's below attorney. All correspondence should be sent to the attorney named below at the address shown.

Respectfully submitted,

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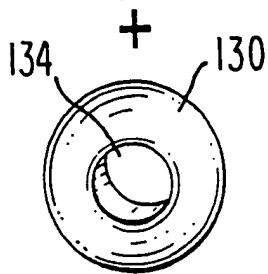


FIG. 8a

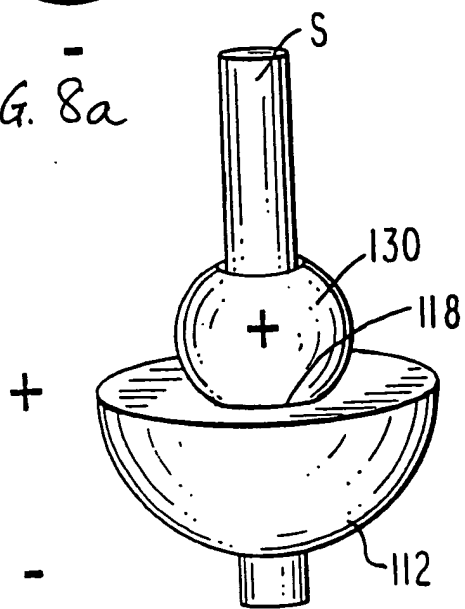


FIG. 8b

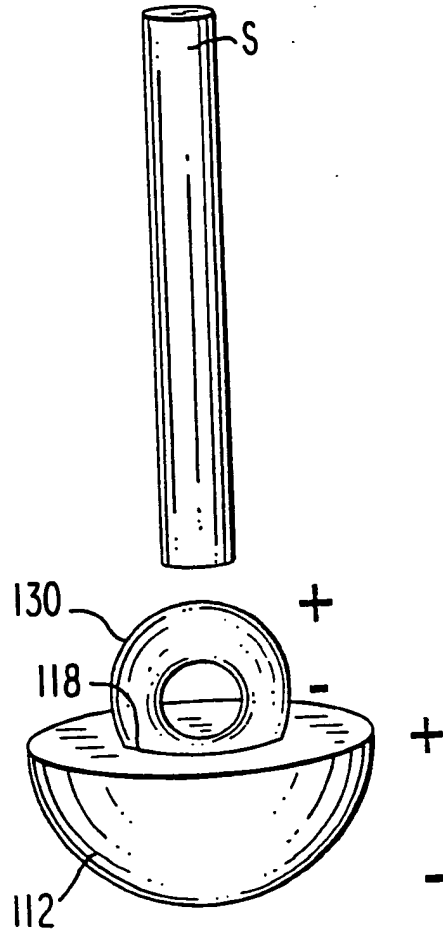


FIG. 8c